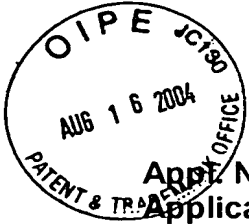


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AMENDMENT "C"

Sir:

The three month response period for responding to the Office action of March 18, 2004 expired on June 18, 2004. Applicant hereby petitions and requests a two (2) month extension of time to extend the response period from June 18, 2004 through August 18, 2004. A check in the amount of \$420.00 is enclosed to cover the extension fee.

In response to the Office action of March 18, 2004, paper no. 7, and the personal interview conducted on July 28, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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